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In re Application of:        Bruce Marvin HELD et al.  
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For:                            **Promoter and Construct for Plant Transformation**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**


Please delete claims 1-35, without prejudice to filing a continuing application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, please insert: --This application is a divisional of U. S. Patent application 09/259,282, filed March 1, 1999 --.

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted

  
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